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Date: September 10, 2012

Description: Toys-R-Us to launch tablet computer for children

Toys R Us plans to launch its own tablet computer aimed at children called Tabeo on Oct. 21st. The news comes ahead of the Holiday Season, which can account for up to 40 percent of retailers' annual sales. Toys R Us has focused on exclusive toys rather than discounts as it faces tough competition from online retailers like Amazon.com and discounters like Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

The 7-inch tablet comes with 50 apps selected for children, including games such as Angry Birds and Fruit Ninja, and a book app called iStorybooks. It will retail for \$149.99 and runs on Google Inc.'s Android software.

Toys R Us sells other electronics including Apple Inc's iPad, but this is its first store-brand tablet. The Tabeo's main competitors include LeapFrog Enterprises' LeapPad and VTech's InnoTab.

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	Mynews4.com website 8:18 a.m.	

Date: September 10, 2012

Description: HP to cut 2000 more jobs than originally estimated

Hewlett-Packard is planning to cut about 2,000 more jobs than it had previously announced, as CEO Meg Whitman tries to turn the company around. In a regulatory filing Monday, the computer and printer maker says it will cut 29,000 jobs by October 2014, up from the 27,000 cuts it announced in May.

It didn't explain why it had raised the number. As before, it expects some of the job cuts to come through an early retirement program. The company also says it expects to record charges of \$3.7 billion, mainly for the job cuts. That's up from the May estimate of \$3.5 billion. Last month, HP posted the largest loss in its 73-year history. It's been hit by the shift in technology spending from PCs and printers towards cellphones and tablets.

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	Mynews4.com website	7:01 a.m.

Date: September 9 & 10, 2012

Description: National Guard members holding National Convention in Reno this week

Before the convention began, National Guard members traded in their uniforms for racing suits this weekend.

Panther Racing hosted nearly 100 National Guard members and their families Sunday at the Regional Public Safety Training Center. Each participant got a chance to ride in an IndyCar two-seater, with professional drivers. Among the drivers, was Indy Car 500 racer and Bachelorette contestant, Arie Luyendyk.

Panther Racing is giving National Guard members rides at Indy Car events throughout the country, all in an effort to help soldiers returning from duty to find jobs.

From the mynews4.com website - About National Guard Convention:

Members of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) arrived here en masse starting Sept. 9 for four days. The Nevada Guard plays host to the private association's 134th annual conference and exhibition. About 3,700 Army and Air Guard officers, their spouses, defense officials and industry representatives are registered from all 50 states, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

Using data from the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, based on the length of stay, the economic boon to the Truckee Meadows is substantial. Ben McDonald, the communication manager for the RSCVA, said the estimated revenue for hotels, shopping, dining and gaming is expected to bring in about \$11.8 million to the local economy.

This year's conference theme is The National Guard: Hometown Force, Global Reach. Attendees are set to see guest speakers including:

- * Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Mark Welsh;
- * Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond Odierno;
- * The incoming Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Lt. Gen. Frank Grass;
- * The outgoing Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Gen. Craig McKinley;
- * The U.S. Africa Command commander, Gen. Carter Ham;
- * Retired Maj. Gen. Arnold Punaro, chairman of the Pentagon's Reserve Forces Policy Board;
- * Gen. David Rodriguez, commanding general of the U.S. Army Forces Command;
- * Retired Gen. Ronald Fogleman, former chief of staff of the Air Force; and

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* Jessica Wright, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs.

Participants will have an opportunity to attend a variety of professional development workshops and discover the latest products and services in the largest defense industry trade show that caters to the National Guard.

The trade show opens on Sept. 10. This year's exhibit features the products and services of more than 400 companies or organizations.

Media wishing to cover the event should allow an extra 30-60 minutes of time to go through the badging and security process.

The NGAUS is a private organization created in 1878 by militia officers to provide unified representation on Capitol Hill. Its initial goal was to obtain a better training and equipment by educating Congress on militia readiness requirements. Today, 134 years later with a membership of 45,000 current and retired Army and Air National Guard officers nationwide, NGAUS has the same mission.

The last time the NGAUS conference was held in Nevada was in 2004 in Las Vegas.

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Mynews4.com website 4:45 p.m.

Date: September 10, 2012

Description: Great Basin Local Nevada Farmers Market aids Food Bank drive

Customers to the Great Basin Local Nevada Farmers Market can donate to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and enter to win food and drink for their contributions. The market is held each Thursday in September, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., on the plaza of Great Basin Brewing Co., 846 Victorian Avenue, Sparks.

Customers who donate a can of tuna at the market can enter to win \$20 in farmer's market bucks or a growler of their favorite brew. The canned-tuna drive is part of Hunger Action Month, a national campaign of food banks to take action against hunger.

The farmers market features fresh produce, honey, artisan cheese and bread, live music, handcrafted local brews and signature dishes using fresh local ingredients. The event is a collaboration of the Great Basin Brewing Co. and NevadaGrown to support local farms and businesses. For more information, visit www.greatbasinbrewingco.com.

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Mynews4.com website 11:34 a.m.

Date: September 11, 2012

Description: State, Washoe County, settle property tax dispute

A state panel has approved a \$7.2 million settlement with Washoe County over property taxes diverted from the county to balance the state budget in the last two legislative sessions.

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The Board of Examiners approved the payment Tuesday.

Washoe County officials originally demanded that \$21.5 million be returned by the state. That demand and a bigger sum sought by Clark County came after a Nevada Supreme Court ruling said the state couldn't take \$62 million from a southern Nevada sewer fund.

The Nevada Appeal reports that under the Washoe County deal, the state will give the county \$1.25 million in cash. Another \$6 million will come in highway and road projects through the Department of Transportation.

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	Mynews4.com website 5:56 p.m.	

Date: September 13, 2012

Description: Scolari's announces closure of Lemmon Valley store

It was confirmed today that Scolari's Food & Drug Company will be closing their store located at 200 Lemmon Drive in Lemmon Valley on September 28, 2012.

"We have been operating at that location for over 25 years, and it was not an easy decision to make considering how long we were there," said Joey Scolari, Chief Executive Officer for the Nevada based chain. Scolari also said, "But based on a number of factors, it didn't make good business sense to continue operations at that location. Since we have several stores in Reno and Sparks most of our associates will be relocated to other Scolari's locations."

Scolari's Food & Drug Company is headquartered in Reno, Nevada and will continue to operate 13 stores in Northern Nevada, following the closure of the Lemmon Valley location.

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	Mynews4.com website 6:52 p.m.	

Date: September 13, 2012

Description: A strip club proposal rejected by Reno City Council for a second time

A strip club proposal was rejected for a second time last night. The Reno City Council unanimously upheld the Planning Commission's recommendation and refused the proponent's

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proposal for a strip club called "Ed's Knockouts" with 5-0 decision. The strip club supporters can appeal the decision.

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Date: September 14, 2012

Description: Series of layoffs to come at Newmont Gold in Elko

Higher production costs have produced the first in what's expected to be a series of middle management layoffs at Newmont Gold.

According to spokesperson Mary Korpi, the cuts to salaried workers will leave the company better positioned for continued growth in gold rich northeastern Nevada. While describing the business as "healthy," Korpi cited a 15-percent increase in costs as driving the reduction, with more layoffs throughout the western region of the North American unit to follow. The company noted "less than 50 layoffs," about half Elko jobs, in a workforce of some 3,900 in the state.

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Date: September 13, 2012

Description: Veterans Job Fair

Veterans...you may have heard about NBC'S "Hiring Our Heroes" campaign. This week the Veterans Job Fair will be here in Northern Nevada. Today from 1 to 4 p.m. at UNR, Veterans are invited to check out their job opportunities. The fair will be on the 4th floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. So far this year the campaign has helped more than 10-thousand veterans find jobs!

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Description: Medicaid in Nevada to expand

The state medical association has announced it supports expanding Medicaid in Nevada. If approved, the expansion would be part of the Affordable Care Act.

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The Association is urging Governor Brian Sandoval and the legislature to address access to care for needs of patients who are and will be covered by the current Medicaid program. The expansion is under review by the Sandoval Administration.

If recommended by the Governor and approved by the Legislature, it would take effect in 2014 for Nevadans up to 138-percent of the federal poverty level. The federal government would cover 100-percent of the expansion for three years.

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Description: NV Jobless numbers dropped in August compared to last year

The number of Nevadans filing for new jobless benefits fell 9.7 percent in August compared with the same month a year ago. According to the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, around 17 thousand initial claims were filed last month. That's down from nearly 19-thousand filed in August 2011. A detailed August unemployment report is due out a week from today.
